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OURSELVES

THE SCOUT AND GUIDE FAMILY.

Once a year we take stock of our activities and the strength of our movement. Last year's census disclosed that there were 33,682 Scouts and Guides of all ranks in this State. The figures collected concerning the composition of various units and members of each Scout and Guide Unit reveal an interesting study. On the average, in guiding there is one Guider serving about 12 members of a guide unit. The position regarding Scout unit needs to improve a lot for we have only one officer for every 16 members of a Scout Unit. In an organisation with emphasis on individual training this appalingly low number of scouters and guiders is rather, not very encouraging. Efforts are being made to increase the number of trained scouters and guiders in the units. Mere training of the Scouters and Guiders is no avail unless they are made to take active part in the game of Scouting and Guiding by forming their own Groups or by joining an already existing unit. All Scout workers in this State should make it a point to share the joy they derive from this movement with others and create an atmosphere for more people to join this great organisation and be benefited by it.

THE NATIONAL SCOUT AND GUIDE WEEK

The State over, all Scout and Guide Groups celebrated the National Scout and Guide Week Day in the first week of October. The National Scout and Guide week focuses the attention of the public to the important role this organisation plays in the development of character, amidst the youth of this country. The birth day of the illustrious Founder of Scout Movement in India-Dr. Annie Besant also synchronises with this week. Dr. Besant because of her great personality was responsible for India's taking great interest in this International Movement. The older generation of Scouters and Guiders still cherish sweet memories of the personal interest Dr. Besant took in the spread of this movement, and the valuable time she spent in the midst of her pressing work as President of the Theosophical Society.

STATE JAMBOREE:

With eagerness we are looking forward to the State Jamboree proposed to be held in December 1962. A Committee has already been set up to fix a camp site for the Jamboree. The Committee has started functioning and soon, it is expected, particulars of the Jamboree will be in the hands of every Scoutmaster and Guide Captain to plan well ahead the interesting time the Scout or Guide may have in that great gathering.

SIR JOHN THORP, Kt., C. M. G., M. B. E.

Sir John Thorp, Governor and Chief Scout of the Seychelles, lost his life on 13th August, 1961, whilst attempting to rescue his 17 year old son and another boy from the sea. Sir John and Mr. Boulle, the Financial Secretary, at once went out in a boat to help but it capsized and both were drowned.

CHOCOLATE CAKES

Kumari G. R. Samuel, Headquarters Commissioner
for Training (Guides).

I know a little girl called Piriya who is very fond of chocolates and demands them every time her grandfather visits her. To be completely honest, which of us young or old does not relish a little chocolate? If an assorted plate of cakes is offered to us isn't our preference for a chocolate cake? To my mind little Bulbuls are like chocolate cakes-sweet and delightful and everything that one can wish for. Wherever I showed my colour slides of Bulbuls to over-seas groups there went up a simultaneous and spontaneous cry of "Oh how sweet."

Here is a receipie for these human chocolate cakes. Mix an ounce of imagination with a pound of love. Add a team of adults and a group of girls. Flavour with a variety of interests. Combine with common sense and humour. This will make a delightful worthwhile Flock of Bulbuls.

AN OUNCE OF IMAGINATION

Is like the chocolate, a very distinct flavour. Children are full of imagination and as Psychologists tell you, imagination inspires many new discoveries and makes for good human relationships. It needs to be used in the Flock in all that the Bulbuls do–Games, Test Work, Service etc. Imagination should not be restricted to one ounce—the children have pounds and pounds of it. Tap their supply and your adult logic will tell you what can be used.

A POUND OF LOVE

Is the sweetener in the chocolate cake. Love can accomplish miracles. It is seen in the wonderful friendship and comradeship in the Flock–girl to girl, girl to leader and leader to leader. It is a lasting fellowship and the basis for many friendships. I call to my mind the little Australian Brownie in Davenport who pressed silently and unobstrusively a green passion fruit into my hand–her treasure. I can never forget the light of friendship that gleamed in her eyes. Be sure to use the best brand of love—one that guides, sets limits, teaches unselfishness yet demands respect—a love that comes for each child as an individual and as a child of God.

A TEAM OF ADULTS AND A GROUP OF GIRLS

Are the baking powder and the flour, for without them you cannot have chocolate cakes. The ultimate goal is to keep in mind is the building of ONE team. In the beginning the children will not be mature enough or sufficiently skilled to be a good thinking working team. But they never will be unless they are given the opportunity to grow and develop. It is so much easier to do the work ourselves, but isn't it far more important to train them? Talking of adults, shouldn't we get the mothers of Bulbuls interested in our Flocks and get them to help in different ways? In many countries, mothers are the leaders of Flocks and go up to the Company when their children grow up!

A VARIETY OF INTERESTS

Is the flavouring, the salt and vanilla. Each girl and adult can add her pinch. Oddly enough, it is often the leader who has many interests herself who may fail to make full use of them, while the leader who may be in short supply is forced to look outside herself. Ask the girls, ask the mothers, ask anyone for ideas and suggestions. And don't let your lack of experience cause you to discard an idea. There are outside resources. If you have no seasoning, can't you run to the neighbours for some?

COMMON SENSE AND A SENSE OF HUMOUR

Are the butter and eggs in our chocolates. They bind all the other ingredients together. The two go hand in hand. Common sense helps make plans workable, a sense of humour makes them fun-even when they go away.

Here is where we should take a look at plans. Imagination and interest can often run wild, until you find yourself faced with plans and projects impossible to complete. Let common sense help. There may be another way to achieve the same goal.

Don't make projects too simple. We all need to be challenged. That is how we grow, maintain interest, improve our skills. It is far more fun to prepare a special buffet supper than to cook a routine meal for the family. Why, then, do we think girls always want to do the simplest and easiest thing in the least amount of

time? It is wise to keep a project simple enough so that it will not seem to the girls to go on for ever. Their span of attention and interest is not great. Make the end result something satisfying, that will give them a sense of accomplishment and pride. **Don't** make it so easy that it offers no challenge **Do** make it easy enough so that the girls can do the work, **not the leader**.

Have we left out an ingredient? Oh, yes–the nuts. They are all the unexpected, delightful and heartwarming things that make your cakes such fun!

To be workable, any recipe needs a kitchen and a few kitchen utensils. The National Organization is your kitchen and it has the utensils you need; the Bulbul Book and other publications, Camp Chiefs, Deputy Camp Chiefs, State Organising Commissioners and other experienced people to help you. A good cook gets acquainted with her kitchen tools, learns how to use them. Can a Flock Leader do less? We are given the chance to add a good deal to the lives of our Bulbuls. Are we making the best use of our time and our children?

May you be helped to make the best of human Chocolate Cakes and may they give you abiding joy and happiness.

CUB'S 10 LAKH YEAR OLD FIND.

11-year-old Wolf Cub Alan Carlick who lives in Chepstow, Mons, picked up a pebble two years ago on his way to a Pack meeting. He took it home to his mother telling her he was sure that it was a flint. Thinking that it was only a pebble Mrs. Carlick told Alan to put it into the fruit bowl where it has remained ever since. The 'pebble' has now been identified by the keeper of archaeology at the National Museum of Wales as a small flake implement of Lower Palaeolithic date, perhaps 150 thousand to 100 thousand years B. C. It seems that Alan's 'pebble' is quite a find, as it is the oldest man-made object ever found in Monmouthshire and is further evidence that pre-historic man of a very primitive type reached the borders of Wales in the last interglacial period. The flint has now left its fruit bowl and is on exhibition in the National Museum of Wales.

GUIDE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING.

An International Gathering for Rangers and Cadets organised by the Girl Guide Association of the United Kingdom is proposed to be held in July 1962. To ensure wide representation from Commonwealth Countries, the Girl Guide Association of U. K. has invited India to send two Rangers to this event.

The Guests are expected to arrive in U. K. as near Friday July 6, 1962 as possible At their port of arrival the visitors will be welcomed by the members of the Senior Branch who will put them on a train for the place where they will receive one week of hospitality. During this week the visiting Rangers will meet the Guides, Rangers of U. K and also a number of young people who are not members of the Guide Movement. On July 13, 1962 visitors will set out from the place where they are receiving hospitality and accompanied by several local ranger guides with whom they will already have made friends and will spend a week travelling through parts of Great Britain by various routes and using many different types of transports, seeing home crafts and industries and staying in Guide Homes and Camps. The 500 delegates will live in college buildings for the next week during which they will all work together on International Service project. Delegates must be active Rangers or Guides between the ages of 16 and 21. Those who are interested will apply to the Honorary State Secretary, Bharat Scouts and Guides, Madras State, by the first week of November 1961.

SCOUT TO RESCUE.

The Chief Scout has awarded the Gilt Cross for gallantry to David Wasilawski, a Senior Scout with the 4th Ormskirk (Newburgh and Dalton) Group. On Sunday, June 18, 1961 at 4-30 p.m. a five-year-old girl went to have a look at a private swimming pool near her Parbold, Lancs home. The young girl fell into the pool but a cousin who was with her had the sense to run and tell their parents. The first people on the scene were unable to swim and could'nt reach the child. David Wasilawski hearing about the accident ran the 375 yards from his home, climbed a wall and dived into the pool without taking off his clothes or his glasses. The child was by then at the bottom of the pool near the deep end but David got her to the side and then successfully applied artificial respiration.

குருளேயர் ஆசானுக்கு

B. M. ரெட்டி

குருளே சாரணப் (Cubscouts) பயிற்சியின் நோக்கம் சிறுவர்களுக்கும், குருளே ஆசானுக்கும் இன்பப் பொழுது போக்குந் திட்டமட்டு மல்ல. இப்பயிற்சியின் முழுநோக்கம், திறமையும், நேர்மையுமான குடிமக்களாக நம் சிறுவர்களேப் பயிற்றுவதாகும். இது வரையில் நற்குடி பயிற்சியைச் சிறுவர்களுக்கு அளித்துள்ளோம். ஆனுல், அதன் பலனேக் கவனித்தால், (இன்றுள்ள மக்களின் நடத்தையால்) அந்தப் பயிற்சி போதுமான பலனேத் தந்ததாகக் கூறுவதற்கில்லே. ஏனென்ருல், நம் வரிப்பணத்திலிருந்து, கல்விக்காக செலவிடும் பணத்தை விட, போலீஸ் இலாகா, சிறை இலாகா, ஏழை நிவாரணம் போன்றவைகளுக்குச் செலவிடும் பணம் மிக மிக அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. இவைகளின் செலவு எவ்வளவுக்கு எவ்வளவு குறைந்துள்ளதோ, அவ்வளவுக்கு அவ்வளவு நாட்டின் (மக்களின்) பண்பின் தரத்தைக் காட்டுகிறது. இன்று நாம் தரும் நற்குடி பயிற்சி சரியல்ல என்ருல், வருங் காலத்துக்கும் இப்பயிற்சி சரியாகாதென்பது தெளிவாகிறது. சிறுவர்க்கு நாம் கொடுக்கும் பயிற்சியில் வருங்காலத்தையும் மனதில் கொள்ள வேண்டும். சாரணீயப் பயிற்சியில் ஊடுருவிச் செல்லுவது இக்கொள்கையே. குருளே பயிற்சி முறை புறப் போதனேயல்ல, அகத்திலிருந்து கல்லுவது சிறுவர்களேக் கவர்ந்து இழுக்கும் விளேயாட்டுகள் வெளிவாசம், கதை, கத்தல் போன்ற நடைமுறைகளால், அவர்கள், ஒழுக்க—அறிவு- உடல் கல்வியைக் கற்கிருர்கள். இயல்பாக உள்ள நற்பண்பைப் போதனேயாலல்லாமல் செயலால் பெருக்கி உருவாக்குவதாகும் இப்பயிற்சி முறை.

குடிமக்களின் திறமைக்கு வெறும் புத்தக போதனேயைவிட, நற்பண்பு மிகமிக வேண்டப்படுகிறது என்பதை அனேவரும் ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளுகிருர்கள். எனினும், இதற்கான நடைமுறை திட்டம் ஒன்று, கல்வி திட்டத்தில் சேர்க்கும் அளவில் இது வரையில் உருவாகவில்லே. திறமை என்பது பணஞ்சேர்க்கும் வெறும் ஆற்றலே மட்டும் குறிக்கவில்லே. ஒழுக்கம்—உடல் நலம் ஆகிய இரண்டின் நிலேயிலும் சிறப்புறுவதே குடித்திறன் என்பதாகும். அறிவு பெறுவதற்கான விருப்பத்தையும், ஆற்றலேயும் சிறுவர்கள்பால் உண்டாக்குவது தான், குருளே பயிற்சியின் சிறப்பியல்பு. குடித்திறமை (Citizen Efficiency) என்பது, பொதுவாக அறிவுநுணுக்கமும், பிணேப்பில்லா, செழிப்பான, இன்ப வாழ்க்கை நடத்தும் ஆற்றலுமாகும். ஆயிரக்கணக்கான மணிநேரமும், இலக்ஷகணக்கான பணமும், மரியல்களிலும், வேலே நிருத்தங்

களிலும் வீணுவதும், பத்தாயிரக்கணக்கான மணிநேரமும், பத்து இலக்ஷகணக்கான ரூபாய்களும் தடுக்கக் கூடிய நோய்களுக்கும் உடல் கேட்டுக்கும் வீணுவதும் அத்திறன் இன்மையைக் காட்டுகிறது?

நம் குருளை சாரணப் பயிற்சி உள நலத்தையும், உடல் நலத்தையுந் தான் முடிவான பயனுகக் கொண்டுள்ளது. சிறுவர்களின் மிக மிகச் சரியான வயதில் இப்பயிற்சி கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது. இந்த வயதில் அவர்களின் உளமும், உடலும் நற்கல்வியைப் பெறுவதற்கு ஏற்றவை. அடிக்கல் இட சரியான பருவம் இதுவே. இந்த அடிக் கல்லின் மேல் கட்டப்படும் நற்குடிமை என்னும் வீடு, நிரந்தரமான இனிப் பெறப்போகும், சாரணப் பயிற்சியையும் தன்னுள்கொண்டதாகும்.

சாரணீய இயக்கத்தின் இளம்–முதல் பிரிவாக குருளை கூட்டம் (Cub Pack) அமைந்துள்ளது. எண்ணிக்கையில் மிக்குள்ள சிறுவர்களின் ஆவலைத் திருப்தி செய்து, சாரணப் பயிற்சி, பெற உதவுவதாக இருக்கிறது இப்பயிற்சி. குருளை கூட்டத்தில், சாரணப்படையிலுள்ளது போல் தேர்வுகளும், பணிகளும் இல்லை. குருளை பயிற்சியின் அமைப்பு-முறை-உடை-நடை ஆகியவை வேறு. ஆனால் குறிக்கோள் மட்டும் ஒன்றே. ஒரு வீட்டிலுள்ள இரண்டு இணை அறைகள் என்று கூறலாம் குருளைப் பயிற்சிக்கும், சாரணப் பயிற்சிக்கும் உள்ள தொடர்பை. அறைகளின் வழிகளும், அமைப்புந்தான் வேறு, அவைகள் இருப்பது ஒரே வீடு தான். குருளைப் பயிற்சி, சாரணப் பயிற்சியினின்று வேறுபட்டது, ஆனால் சாரணப் பயிற்சிக்குப் போகும் பாதை தான்.

சிறுவர்கள் (குருளையர்) அமைதியாக உட்கார்ந்து கொண்டு போதனையைக் கேட்டுக் கொண்டிருக்க விரும்ப வில்லை. அவர்கள் ஆடவும், பாடவும், ஓடவும் ஏதாவது செயல் செய்யவும் விரும்பும் பருவத்தினர். இந்த விருப்பம், குருளை ஆசானுக்கு வாய்த்த ஒரு சரியான கருவி. இந்தக் கருவியின் பயனை உணர்ந்து இதைக் குருளை பயிற்சிக்கு உபயோகிக்கிறார்கள் குருளை ஆசான்மார்கள். எனவே, நாம் ஒவ்வொருவரும், சிறுவர்களின் மன உடல் தன்மைகளை அறிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டியவர்களாக இருக்கின்றோம். சிறுவர்களின் விருப்பங்கள் எவை? அவர்கள் எவற்றை வெறுக்கிறார்கள்? அவர்களின் நல்ல–தீய பண்புகள் எவை? என்பனவற்றைத் தெரிந்து கொண்டு, அவற்றின் போக்கில் பயிற்சி தர வேண்டும்.

(தொடரும்)

PRESENCE OF MIND.

Sri S. R. Ramachandran.

The Motto of a Scout is 'Be prepared'. I wonder as to how many of us have really thought about this and realised the implications involved in this simple but effective statement "Be Prepared". Have we ever applied our minds to this at all or has it become so stale and routine that it has lost all its significances to us.

To be prepared means that one is ready to meet any situation at any time in any place-face any problem, respond properly to any challenge etc. It is a state of one's mind. What is this state?

We ought to have observed that some scouts are absent-minded on certain occasions and when their attention is drawn, they become conscious of their weakness and then repent. The need to keep the mind clear, simple, sharp, alert, alive without any burden, without any prejudice, and uncorrupted is not only desirable for the sake of convenience but essential for everyone to enjoy life.

Many an accident in the road could have been avoided with presence of mind on the part of the persons involved in it. I am reminded about the advertisements in the Newspapers some years back with the caption "You don't know what you are missing".

To be prepared implies that one is constantly conscious aware, of oneself and the surroundings always. It is a state of being ever ready. Attention in the class room on the part of scouts will be better if they "bear in mind" this motto often and always. Mutual understanding and cordial relationship will prevail if the parties are alive to the situation. One Scoutmaster some years back told me that people in the World can be classified into four types as described below:

People who know that they know
People who do not know that they know
People who know that they do not know
People who do not know that they do not know.

Beware of such people who can be classified in the 4th category. They are not aware that they do not know about something and they will assume that they know everything about anything. Such a person will hasp on false prestige and misplaced sympathy etc. His evaluation of things and matters will not be true. He is a menace to the society.

The real Scout will not be absentminded at all. He has to be prepared for any thing – say – in carrying out Firstaid, in pioneering, in camp life, in social service and in other multifarious activities. In the Scout movement the 'Presence of mind' plays a great and important role. Life becomes worth living and ceases to be a boredom when there is instantaneous and proper appraisal of the situation which is possible only if there is presence of mind. After all the human being alone is endowed with what is called the "mind".

It is the sacred duty of every member of this World Organisation to possess and cultivate the habit of having presence of mind while thinking, speaking and acting. There can be learning only when there is this quality. In this state of the mind one's outlook becomes broader and broader, thinking becomes sane, true values of things expose themselves, one becomes humble, a proper perspective of things is obtained. Such a person is an asset to the society and he only is capable of being in readiness for service to humanity.

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HIMALAYA ROVER WOOD BADGE COURSE.

Sri V. S. Ramasubramaniam, District Scout Commissioner, Madurai, who attended the Rover Wood Badge Part 2 (Practical Course) at Pachmarhi in June last, has been awarded by the National Headquarters, the Certificate No. R/15/61, dated August 17, 1961 in recognition of his successful completion of the Course



BADEN-POWELL HOUSE

The culmination of many years hard work bore fruit on the 12th July this year when Her Majesty The Queen opened Baden-Powell House in London, which is a permanent memorial to the Founder. Unfortunately His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh was unable to be present owing to a foot injury.

Sir Charles Maclean, Chief Scout of the Commonwealth, welcomed Her Majesty and introduced her to some of the many distinguished Scout personalities from all parts of the World who were present, including H. R. H The Duke of Gloucester, President of The Boy Scouts Association, Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide, Sir Harold Gillett, Chairman of the Baden-Powell House Building Committee, and Sir Rob Lockhart, Deputy Chief Scout.

There were Scout representatives from all parts of the United Kingdom and the following Commonwealth countries.

AUSTRALIA, BERMUDA, BRITISH GUIANA, BRITISH HONDURAS BRUNEI, CANADA, CEYLON, CYPRUS, GIBRALTAR, HONG KONG, INDIA, KENYA, MALTA, G.C., MAURITIUS, NEW ZEALAND, NIGERIA, NORTH BORNEO, NORTHERN RHODESIA, NYASALAND, PAKISTAN, ST. HELENA, SIERRA LEONE, SOUTHERN RHODESIA, SWAZILAND, TANGANYIKA, UGANDA, WEST INDIES FEDERATION-ANGUILLA BARBADOS, GRENADA, JAMAICA, ST. KITTS/NEVIS, ST. LUCIA, ST. VINCENT, TRINIDAD and TOBAGO, ZANZIBAR.

INDIAN SCOUT GIFT TO QUEEN

ON DISPLAY IN LONDON

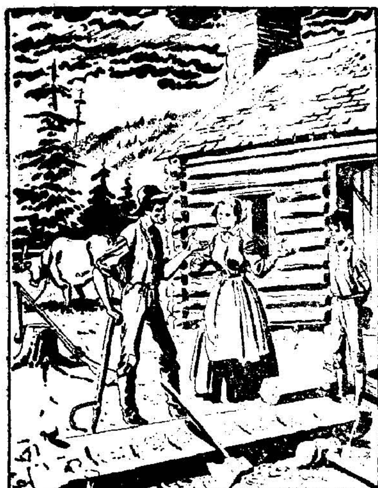
The Queen of England has lent to the Boy Scouts Association, London, a model Bridge made of ivory, which was presented to her for The Prince of Wales by the Scouts and Guides of Delhi during the recent tour of India. The model was put on exhibition in the LOBBY at Baden-Powell House on August 15, 1961.

READ THIS AND THINK IT OVER.

Have we sunk into flabby, follow-my-leader respectability? If so, we are betraying ourselves, our Founder and our Cause. The crying need of the future is going to be for unstinting self-sacrifice; are we prepared to lead the van? Or are we going to let any other of the Movements that are growing up so plentifully around us steal the lead? I want to suggest that we ask ourselves-all of us-have we been letting our Scouting get too soft? Are we mollycoddling our Scouts, not only physically but mentally, and morally? Are we attaching too much value to nice well-warmed comfortable Headquarters? Do we bother too much about first-class new tents, perfect groundsheets, unlimited blankets, and Scout Shop gadgets galore? In short, are we concentrating on making our Scouting enjoyable? And even more on the moral plane are we striving to teach our Scouts even the hard and thorny parts of our Code, even the difficult and unpalatable elements of the Law? There seems to be a kind of strange superstition that if we have plenty of fun in camp we shall automatically become honourable, loyal, and helpful, and that if we enjoy our Troop Meetings that will make us magically kind, courteous, and pure. Did you, for example, choose your camp site last year because it gave opportunities of plenty of games and fun, or was your first consideration opportunities of unselfish service and usefulness? What is the outcome of your training-could you, with your hand on your heart, say that every member of your Troop could be relied upon to choose the less pleasant of two alternatives if by so doing he would benefit anyone else, improve the standing and reputation of his Troop, or the Scout Movement, or develop his own character by the discipline of self-sacrifice?

(Natal Scout Trail)

உழைப்பின் வெற்றி



கேள்வி –லிங்கனுக்கு 11-வயதான போது அவர்களது பண்ணைக்குப் பக்கத்தில் பள்ளி ஒன்று ஏற்பட்டது. பையனைப் பள்ளிக்கு அனுப்புவதா என்ற கேள்வி எழுந்தது. லிங்கனைப் போன்ற உடல் உறுதி படைத்த பையன் பள்ளிக்குச் செல்வதைவிடப் பண்ணை வேலைக்குப் பெரிதும் பயன் படுவான் என்று தந்தை வாதித்தார். பையன் பள்ளிக்கே போக வேண்டுமெனத் தாய் நினைத்தாள்.



புத்தகங்கள் – புதிய அன்னையின் பிடிவாதம் வெற்றிபெற்றது; பையன் பள்ளி செல்லலாயினான். புத்தகங்கள் படிப்பதில் சிறுவன் லிங்கனுக்கு ஆர்வம் பிறந்தது. ஆனால் பண்ணையில் அடிக்கடி வேலையிருந்ததால் அவன் பள்ளிக்கு ஒழுங்காகச் செல்ல முடியவில்லை. ஓராண்டு கூட ஒழுங்காகப் பள்ளிக்குப் போகவில்லை. ஆனால் கிடைத்ததையெல்லாம் முடிந்தபோதெல்லாம் லிங்கன் படித்தான். புத்தகம் இரவல் வாங்குவதற்கு அல்லது திருப்பிக் கொடுப்பதற்கு மைல் கணக்கில் நடந்து செல்ல அவன் சளைப்பதில்லை.







படிப்பு—பகலில் பண்ணையில் வேலை. இரவில் வீட்டு அடுப்பு வெளிச்சத்தில் படிப்பு. கட்டுரை எழுதப் பயன் பட்டவை கரித்துண்டும், மரத் துடுப்பும்! துடுப்பில் அழித்து அழித்து எழுதிப் படித்து வந்தான் பையன்.







அன்பு—தந்தை மறுமணம் செய்து மனைவியை வீட்டுக்கு அழைத்து வந்தார். குழந்தைகளின் மகிழ்ச்சிக்கு எல்லையே இல்லை. புதிய தாய் திடசாலி; களையிழந்த வீடு விரைவில் புதுமைப் பொலிவு பெற்றது. மீண்டும் குடும்பத்தில் மகிழ்ச்சி மலர்ந்தது.





ஒழுக்கம் – உயிரினும் ஓம்பப்படும்

ஏ. வி. ஜயச்சந்திரன்

சாரணீயத்தின் தனிப் பெரும் சிறப்பு என்னவென்ருல் அது ஒழுக்கத்தையும், அதனுல் உண்டாகும் உள்ள வளர்ச்சியையும் அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்டிருப்பது தான். ஒழுக்கத்தைப் பற்றிப் பேசுகையில் அதை உயிரினும் பெரிதாகப் பேணுதல் வேண்டும் என்று வள்ளுவப் பெருந்தகை கூறுகிருர்.

" ஒழுக்கம் விழுப்பந் தரலான் ஒழுக்கம்
உயிரினும் ஓம்பப் படும் "

ஒழுக்கத்தால், குணம் கிடைக்கிறது, குணத்தால் செல்வாக்கு கிடைக்கிறது, செல்வாக்கால் கீர்த்தி கிடைக்கிறது, புகழ் கிடைக்கிறது. புகழ், கீர்த்தி பெரும் பெயர் கிடைப்பது, அதுவும் ஒழுக்கத்தின் வாயிலாகக் கிடைக்கும் புகழ், ஒருவன் வாழ்க்கையில் பெறும் பயன்களில் ஒன்ருகும்.

" தோன்றிற் புகழுடன் தோன்றுக அஃதிலார்
தோன்றிலின் தோன்ருமை நன்று "

என்று மற்ரோர் இடத்தில் தெய்வப் புலவர் பறை சாற்றுகின்ருர்.

தோன்றினுல் புகழ் பெறுதற்குத் தோன்றவேண்டும். இல்லாவிட்டால் தோன்றவே வேண்டாம் என்று கூறுமளவு புகழை, அறத்தின் வாயிலாகப் பெற்ற புகழைச் சிறப்பிக்கிருர். அந்தப் புகழ் ஒழுக்கத்தினுல்தான் பெற முடியும் என்பது வள்ளுவரின் துணிபு.

அப்படிப்பட்ட உயர்ந்த புகழைக் கொடுக்கும் ஒழுக்கத்தை உயிரினும் பெரிதாகப் பேணுதல் வேண்டுமாம். ஏன் உயிரினும் பெரிதாக ஓம்ப வேண்டும் ?

உயிர் போய் விட்டால்தான் எல்லாம் போய்விட்டதே ? பிறகு உயிரைவிடச் சிறந்ததாக ஒழுக்கத்தைப் பேணி என்ன பலன் அடையப் போகிரோம்? என்று கேட்கலாம்.

உயிர் போனாலும், புகழ் பெற்ற ஒருவன் இறந்ததாக நாம் கருதுவதில்லை. உதாரணமாக வான் புகழ் கொண்ட வள்ளுவர் மறைந்து ஆயிரம் ஆண்டுகட்கு மேலாகியும் இன்றும், அவர் நம்மிடையே அறவுரைகள் எடுத்துக்கூறி நம்மை ஆறுதல் பெறச் செய்யும் பேரபிமானியாக நம்மிடையே வாழுதலைக் காணுகிறோம். பேடன் பவல் நமக்குச் சாரண இயக்கம் தந்து பெரும் புகழ் அடைந்த பெரியார். அவர் இறந்து இத்தனை நாட்கள் ஆயினும் இன்னும் அவர் நம்முடன், தமது இயக்கத்தின் மூலமாக, தாம் இயற்றிப் போந்த புத்தகங்களின் மூலமாக நம்மிடையே உலவுகிறார். இப்படிப் புகழ் பெற்ற பெரியார்கள் யாவரும் நம்மிடையே உலவுவதைப் பார்க்கிறோம். அவர்களைப் பற்றி மக்கள் எப்பொழுதும் பேசிக்கொண்டும், எழுதிக் கொண்டும் இருக்கிறார்கள்.

அவர்களால் எப்படி இப்பெருஞ் சாதனையை அடைய முடிந்தது என்றால், அவர்களின் ஒழுக்கத்தின் மூலமாகத்தான் என்று உடனே பதில் கூற முடியும். ஆகவே உயிர் நிலையற்றது, புகழ் நிலையுள்ளது. அப்படி நிலையுள்ள புகழைக் கொடுக்கும் ஒழுக்கத்தை நிலையற்ற உயிரினும் பெரிதாக மதிக்க வேண்டும்.

சாரண விதிகளும், சட்டங்களும், ஒழுக்கத்திற்குக் கருவூலமாக அமைந்துள்ளதைக் கண்கூடாக நாம் பார்க்கிறோம்.

REGIONAL PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING CAMP, STANLEY PARK, COONOOR.

Thirty eight Patrol Leaders from five different districts underwent during the first week of September 1961 a course of training in Leadership, particular emphasis being laid on the Patrol System. Pioneering projects and handicrafts were a special feature of the Course. Besides this, they were taken to Ooty and Coonoor for cultural visits. The Course was inaugurated by Mrs. R. E. Maclaine Clarke, President of the Stanley Park Committee. The following were in charge of the Course: Camp Officer. Sri R. Messiah Doss, D. C. C., Assistant Camp Officer: Sri K. S. Sampat, A. D. C. C., Camp Secretary: Sri V Akshayam and Camp Quartermaster: Sri V. P. Ramaswami, A. D. C. C.

DISTRICT NEWS

ANAMALLAIS

A Rally of Cubs, Bulbuls, Scouts and Rover Scouts totalling 692 including Scouters and Guiders was held on September 6, 1961 at Nallacathu grounds in honour of A. S. Bam Esq., I.C. S., Chairman, Tea Board, Calcutta, during his visit to Anamallais.

The Chairman took the salute at the March Past of the Scouts and Rover Scouts after unfurling the Scout Flag.

After the entertainments given by the Cubs and Bulbuls, J. R. Henshaw Esq., President, welcomed the Chief Guest who appreciated the activities of the Association and wished it to grow more and more in the years to come.

I. D. Edward Esq., District Commissioner (Scouts), proposed a vote of thanks after which the Rally came to a close with Jana Gana Mana.

CHINGLEPUT DISTRICT.

A Cubmasters' Training (Preliminary) was held from September 18 to 24, 1961 at Periapalayam under the auspices of Uthukottai Panchayat Union.

Sri L. Sreeraman, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief and District Scout Organiser, Saidapet, was in charge of the camp and Sri K. Seshan, Grama Sevak, Manjankarani assisted in the camp. Thirty teachers were trained.

The camp was inaugurated by Sri Don Joseph, B.A.L.T., District Educational Officer, Chingleput. Sri Balasubramania Reddiar, Chairman of the Uthukottai Panchayat Union Council, presided over the occasion.

At the Visitors day evening Sri T. R. Kothandaran Mudaliar, Assistant State Commissioner(Scouts), Madras State, presided and Sri Sridharan, I. A. S., Sub-Collector, Trivellore, addressed. Sri T. K. Thanickachalam, Commissioner, Panchayat Union, welcomed the gathering.

Sri R. Messiah Doss, D. C. C., and Joint State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), Vellore, paid a visit to the camp and encouraged the campers.

Films on " Be Prepared", " Our National Flag", "Road Sense" etc , were also shown.

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A Flock Leaders Training was also held from September 19 to 28, 1961 at Periapalayam under the auspices of the Uthukottai Panchayat Union. Kumari L. Vedanayakam was in charge of the camp and fifteen lady teachers were

trained. The camp was inaugurated by Srimathi Kamalambigai ammal, M. L. A. The Visitors Day was celebrated under the Presidentship of Srimathi Sundarammal, Chairman, Women Welfare Association.

COIMBATORE DISTRICT

Sri T. R. Kothandaram Mudaliar, B.A., B.L., Assistant State Commissioner-Scouts for Madras State invested Sri B. Ramasubramanyam, M.Sc., L.T., District Educational Officer, as District Commissioner (Scouts) of Coimbatore. on Wednesday the September 13, 1961 at the Municipal Boys' High School Grounds, R. S. Puram, at an impressive Rally of select group of Scouts and Guides. Sri S. V. Chitti Babu, M A., L T., Divisional Inspector of Schools, Coimbatore, presided on the occasion. Messrs Chinnaswami Naidu, President, Headmasters' Association, Coimbatore District, K. Lakshmi Narayanaswami, Municipal Educational Officer, J. I. Muthiah, Retired National Camp Chief, Srimathi Arulanandam, District Commissioner (Guides) incharge and others felicitated the new District Commissioner, who suitably replied.

Sri M. Ram Mohan, Joint State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), Sri A. W. Harcourt, District Secretary, Sri P. S. Ranganathan, District Scout Organiser, Anamallais were in charge of the arrangements. Sri S. Natesa Iyer, Headmaster, R. S. Puram High School, Mrs. Dell Ellis, Vice-President of the Association welcomed the gathering and Sri T. Raja Iyengar, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) proposed the vote of thanks. The band of the Kikani Boys' High School was in attendance.

CENTRAL MADRAS.

Sri K. M. Cherian, President, Central Madras, organised a Benefit Performance in Aid of the Central Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides on September 9, 1961 at the Sun Theatre, Teynampet, Madras.

Sri Venkatapathy Rao, one of our Vice-Presidents, secured for us the film 'Zimbo' from the Proprietors of Sri Rama Films free of charge and helped us in many other ways for the successful conduct of the Show.

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There was a sixers training camp for one day at Wesley Hish School on September 16, 1961 and Sri S. Raja Ram Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs conducted the Training Camp assisted by Sri Ponnuraj Solomon of Wesley High School and Parameswaran of Harijan Welfare Elementary School, Kodambakkam.

There was a sixers Training Camp for Bulbuls for one day at St. Ebbas's. Kumari R. Arupudamary, Assistant District Commissioner, was in charge of the Camp.

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EAST MADRAS.

Group Hero Day Celebrations: Sri Krishna Scout Group, Triplicane, Madras, celebrated its Group Hero Day on September 3, 1961 at Wenlock Park, Triplicane. Sri M. D. Janardhan, Founder of the Group, welcomed the gathering. Sri A. N. Parasuram, M.A., presided. After Flag hoisting, Pooja and reading of Annual Report by Sri K. Seshagiri Rao, the President spoke about the wonderful and playful acts of LORD SHRI KRISHNA in his childhood and boyhood and also distributed prizes to the winners of the Annual Competitions. Sri M. A. Srinivasan proposed a vote of thanks and the function came to a close.

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Presiding over the Inaugural Rally of Scouts and Guides of the East Madras Bharat Scouts and Guides on Saturday the September 2, 1961 at Wenlock Park, Triplicane, Sri C. A. R. Bhadran, Chief Conservator of Forests, stressed the importance of camp life and self reliance.

Earlier Sri M. V. Arunachalam, President of the Association, welcomed the gathering. Srimathi Ammu Swaminathan, President, Bharat Scouts and Guides (India), in her speech referred to the service rendered by the scouts to the public.

Sri N. Murugesa Mudaliar, Chairman of the Executive Committee gave the gist of the speeches of Sri Bhadran and Srimathi Ammu Swaminathan in Tamil.

Sri R. N. Vadivel, Honorary District Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

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SOUTH MADRAS.

A Preliminary Training Course for Cubmasters (Non-Continuous) was conducted under the auspices of the District Association on August 13, 20 and 27 and September 2 and 3, 1961 at the P. S. High School, Mylapore. The final Camp was held from September 8 to 10, 1961 at the Besant Scout Camping Centre, Adyar. Sri T. S. Ramaswami Iyer, Vice-President of the Association, addres-

sed the Campers on Septembre 10, 1961. Sixteen trainees successfully underwent the course. Sri L Sreeraman, Assistant Deputy Camp Chief, was in charge of the Training Course and was assisted by Messrs. H. Ramanathan, L. S. R. Rathnam, T. V. Krishnamurthy, V. Srinivasan and M. R. Narayanan.

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Sri C. R. Pattabhi Raman, M. P., President of the District Association, left Madras for Bombay, enroute to New York, on September 15, 1961, as a Member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. At the Air Port, he was seen off by the Scouters of the District and was garlanded by Sri L S R. Rathnam, Honorary Secretary, on behalf of the District Association.

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Fourteen Members drawn from the Pratap and Asoka Scout Groups were on duty on Monday, October 9, 1961, in connection with the Mahalaya Amavasai at the San Thome and Butt Mode Beach, Mylapore. The service lasted from 5 a. m. to 10 a. m. on that day. The boys kept a watch over the things brought by the people who came to bathe and were generally helpful to them. Everything went on well and there was no mishap. Sri H. Ramanathan, District Commissioner, was in charge of the service.

A RECIPE TO PRESERVE BULBULS/CUBS.

By

'NANDI'

Ingredient required : One large green field
a Dozen Bulbuls/Cubs.
2 or 3 Puppies
a length of brook
2 Handfulls of Pebbles
a bunch of flowers.

PROCESS :-
1) Mix the Bulbuls/Cubs and dogs well.
2) Spread them on the field
3) Stir constantly
4) Pour brook over the pebbles.
5) Sprinkle the field with flowers
6) Spread a deep blue sky over the top
7) Bake in the hot Sun
8) When brown, remove one by one and set away in cool bath tubs

KUMBAKONAM

Under the auspices of the Bharat Scouts and Guides Local Association, Kumbakonam, an extraordinary meeting of the Members, Scouters and Guiders of the Association was held on August 30 in the Town High School, Kumbakonam to offer felicitations to Sri K. S. Sashadri, Assistant State Oommissioner (Scouts) on his having completed 25 years of useful and meritorious service to the Local Scout Association, Kumbakonam, and to Sri A. Y. S. Parisutham, District Commissioner (Scouts) on his having successfully completed his World Tour.

Sri K. S. Krishnaswamy Iyengar, Chairman of the Association welcomed the Chief Guests and others present. The General Secretary then read the messages received from Messrs. K. Venkataswami Naidu, State Chief Commissioner, Mrs. D. L. G. Ratnam, State Guide Commissioner, P. R. Ganapathy Pillay, Hony. State Secretary, R. Messiah Doss, Joint State Organising Commissioner and C. N Sethuraman of Madurai. Sri S. Raghavachary, Headmaster, Town High School, Kumbakonam, who presided over the function said that Sri K. S Seshadri had been one of the most loyal and sincere workers in the Madras State and he had always been a scouter who had put into practice every principle of scouting. The President, on behalf of the Association, conveyed the warmest greetings to Sri Parisutham on his completing a successful world tour. He said that Sri Parisutham who was wedded to the Scout ideals had done a lot for the Tanjore District and for the promotion of scout activities in the Madras State.

Srimathi K. R. Kaveri, District Ranger Leader and Srimathi Indra Nagarajan, District Commissioner (Guides) read the felicitatory addresses and presented them to Messrs. K. S. Seshadri and A. Y. S. Parisuthem, on behalf of the Association. Messrs. R. Krishnamurthi Iyer, B.A., B.L., R. Narasimha Iyengar, B.A., B L., Assistant District Commissioner(Scouts), S. R. Srinivasa chary, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts), R. Padmanaban, N. Veeraraghavachariar, V. Akshayam, V. Sivasankaran Pillai, Agent, Thiruvaduthurai Atheenam spoke about the manifold services done by Messrs. Seshadry and Parisutham, to the cause of scouting in our State in general and to the Tanjore District in particular. Sri V. Pichumani, General Secretary, proposed a vote of thanks.

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Sri R. Messiah Doss, Joint State Organising Commissioner (Scouts) stayed at Kumbakonam on the August 16, 17 and 18. He visited the 2nd Kumbakonam Scout Group, Native High School, 24th Kumbakonam Scout Group-Town High School, St. Joseph's Cub Pack, St. Joseph's High School, 1st Darasuram Cub Pack, Panchayat Union Elementary School, 11th Kumbakonam Cub Pack, New Bridge Municipal School, 1st Kumbakoam Cub Pack, Town Primary Municipal School and 1st Aduthurai Troop, K. G. S. Bigh School. He

addressed a meeting of the Scouters on August 17, 1961 which was presided over by Sri K. S. Seshadry, Assistant State Commissioner. Formation of Court of Honour, Inter group visits, Formation of Group Committees, Award of proficiency Badges were some of the subjects discussed at the meeting.

Sri Messiah Doss, addressed the members of the Executive Committee of the Association on August 17. Sri T. V. Swaminntha Iyer, Vice-Chairman of the Association, said that the Local Association should conduct refresher training camps, now and then, so that the old scouters and guiders might know the changes that had been introduced in the Movement He further said that the scouters of the Association should get the advanced training In scouting and cubbing and that the Local Association should have a large number of Wood Badge Holders Sri Seshadri said that the scouters and guiders of the place should meet at least once a month and discuss the difficulties they came across when they gave training to the boys aud the girls and the many problems connected with scouting and guiding. Sri N. Vijayagopalan said that the State Headquarters should conduct District Camps often and should also take necessary steps to conduct Scoutmasters and Cubmasters training camps in trining colleges and schools With a vote of thanks by Sri V. Pichumani, General Secretary, the meeting came to a close.

Sri H. Krishnamurthi, District Scout Organiser, accompanied the Joint State Organising Commissioner, when the latter visited the troops and packs of the Local Association. During his stay at Kumbakonam, the Organising Commissioner, met Sri K. V. Rajagopalan, Panchayat Union Commissioner, Kumbakonam.

TIRUCHIRAPALLI.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Scouters Club, Tiruchirapalli, was held on August 5, 1961 in the N. C. High School, Trichy-2, with K. V. Ratnam, R.S.L. of the City Rover Crew in the Chair. The Annual Report and Accounts submitted for the year ending March 31, 1961 were adopted and Sri S. Srinivasan was re-elected as Secretary for the coming year.

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A day camp was run on Sunday August 20, 1961 at 'Poosan Thottam', Singaperumal Koil, near Srirangam R. S. In all 100 campers took part in the camp. Sri V. Balasubramanian, veteran Cubmaster opened the camp. There were tests for Cubs and Scouts - Revision of Tenderpad and Tenderfoot-Pioneering and Singnalling were taught. A Special feature of the camp was the cleaning of the near-by temple surroundings. Sri K. V. Ratnam, Vice-President of the District Association visited the camp in the afternoon. The Camp was in charge of Sri S. Srinivasan, Secretary of the Scouters Club, ably assisted by the Scouters of the Town. The Thiruvanaikoil school Scout Troop which was dormant till now was revived and attended the camp.

The Mahakumbhabishekam of Sri Naganathaswami took place on August 24, 1961. Scouts and Scouters did service at the grand festival. Sri M. Bakthavatsalam–Minister, who attended the same had a good word to say about the service of the young boys and men who regulated the crowd and restored lost children. The service was much appreciated by the public and the temple authorities.

11th WORLD JAMBOREE

It has been announced that the 11th World Scout Jamboree will take place in Greece in 1963. The actual dates of the event will be published in the near future.

The Jamboree badge symbolises "A Scouting shield as a defence against evils for theYouth of the Scouting World".

We hope that every country of the Commonwealth will be represented at this World Scout Gathering.



Sri M. Ram Mohan, Joint State Organising Commissioner (Scouts), Coimbatore Centre, reading the Warrant of Appointment of the District Commissioner (Scouts), Sri B. Ramasubramaniam.

பறவையர் விளையாட்டு (தொடர்ச்சி)

புள் புள்களுக்காகத் தொகுக்கப்பட்ட விளையாட்டுகளிலிருந்து கீழே இன்னும் இரண்டு விளையாட்டுகளைத் தருகிறோம்.

9. எலி வால்

புள் புள்களில் பாதிபேர் எலிகளாகவும் ஏனையோர் பூனைகளாகவும் பிரிந்து நிற்பர். எலிகளாகத் தேர்ந் தெடுக்கப்பட்டவர்கள் தம் பாவாடைக்குள் ஒரு நீண்ட கயிற்றினை இறுகச் சொருகி மற்ற முனையைத் தொங்கவிடுவர். எலிகள் சிறிது தூரம் ஓடிய பின் தலைவி உத்தரவிட பூனைகள் எலிகளைத் தொடர்ந்து சென்று எலிகளின் வாலின் மேல் மிதித்து அவ்வால்களைப் பிடுங்கவேண்டும். குறிப்பிட்ட கால வரம்புக்குள் பூனைகள் எலிகளை பிடித்தல் வேண்டும்.

10, சர்க்கஸ்காரன்

தலைவி சர்க்கஸ்காரனாகவும் உபதலைவி போலீஸ்காரனாகவும் இவ் வட்டத்தில் பங்கெடுப்பர், ஏனைய புள் புள்கள் அறுவைகளாக பிரிந்து அறையின் ஒரு கோடியில் இருப்பர். ஒவ்வொரு அறுவையும் சர்க்கஸில் வரும் மிருகங்களின் பெயர்களில் ஒன்றைத் தேர்ந்தெடுத்துக் கொள்ளவேண்டும். தலைவி தனக்கு இஷ்டமான விலங்கின் பெயரையும் எண்ணிக்கையையும் கூற அத்தனை புள் புள்கள் தலைவியிடம் ஓடிச்சேருவர். திடீரென்று தலைவி ''போலீஸ்காரன் வருகிறான்'' என்று கூறவும் விலங்குகள் தம் வீடு நோக்கி ஓடும். அப்போழுது போலீஸ் காரனிடம் அகப்பட்ட விலங்குகள் போலீஸ்காரனோடு சேர்ந்து பிற மிருகங்களைப் பிடிக்க உதவி செய்யும்.



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